

HATHAWAY WRITES OF TRAIL PROJECT  
AND DISCUSSES THE WORK

No Unusual Problems Encountered Except in Collier County

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The completion of the Tamiami Trail sometime next year will mark the realization of the dreams of a large part of our citizenship, particularly in South Florida.

There is no use at this time in reciting the history of this important project. It is enough to say that the counties of Collier, Lee, Dade and Monroe had put a great deal of money into its construction and had reached practically the limit of their resources when the State Road Department came forward definitely locating the highway and pushing it to completion--thus relieving the counties of the financial burden.

The Tamiami Trail, as is well known, extends across the Everglades of the state, connecting the East and West Coasts, with Miami and Tampa as its eastern and western terminus and having been by consent extended to High Springs the starting point of Road No. 5.

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No unusual problems have been encountered in the construction of this cross-state road except through the rocky Glade section between Miami and Everglades, a distance of approximately ninety miles. The Building of the road through this section, because of the rocky character of the country, has necessitated the employment of drills and specially designed dredges. In other words, this part of the road has been a machine job. The materials have been obtained from the blasting of the rock as the work has gone forward. The Tamiami Trail between Miami and Fort Myers when completed will have cost the state and counties that have contributed funds considerable money; but it is believed that the cost is fully justified in the value of the road as a connecting link between the two coasts, to say nothing of the vast area that will eventually be developed through the building of this highway. Then, too, the Tamiami Trail will form a part of the "loop system," as it will connect with the Gulf Coastal

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Highway end will completely encircle the Peninsular. In fact, the Tamiami Trail and Gulf Coast Highway are now thought of as one in the minds of the general public.